

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1, 7-9, 13, and 14 stand rejected. Claims 2-6 and 10-12 are objected to.

Please cancel claims 2 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 7-9, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Emmons. Further, claims 2-6 and 10-12 were objected to for depending on rejected claims. The limitation of claim 2 (and claim 10) has been incorporated into claims 1, 7, and 9 to obviate the foregoing rejections. Therefore, Applicant respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

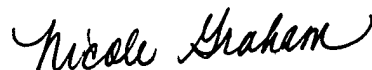
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards claims 1, 3-9, and 11-14. If a telephone conference would expedite the processing of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (281) 719-4803.

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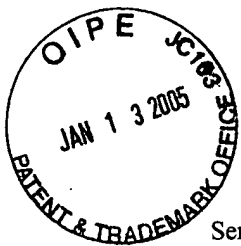
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